

February 27, 2012

Ms. Annie Dookhan



By First Class
And
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Dear Ms. Dookhan:

This letter is to inform you that a show cause hearing will be held on **Tuesday, March 7, 2012 at 10:00 in Room 202 at the State Laboratory Institute, 305 South Street, Jamaica Plain, MA.** The Hearing Officer will be a Labor Relations Representative from the Health Cluster in the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

The purpose of this hearing is to determine what action, up to and including termination, will be taken as a result of the following charges and specifications.

CHARGE: Breach of Drug Laboratory Protocol

Specification: You failed to follow Drug Laboratory Protocol for transfer of drug samples by taking drug samples to be analyzed without having them checked out by the evidence officer, signing the evidence log book, and scanning the samples into the computer tracking system.

CHARGE: Creating a False Record of the Transfer of Drug Samples

Specification: When the log book recording drug transfers was examined by several staff after June 16, 2011 and prior to June 21, 2011 the log book did not contain the initials of the evidence officer or yourself next to the control numbers of the samples you analyzed. When the log book was again examined on June 21, 2011 there were

entries next to the control numbers of the samples you analyzed. The evidence officer denies that she initialed the log book, the initials are not in her handwriting, and she was absent from the workplace between June 15, 2011 and June 27, 2011. You concede that you may have initialed receipt of the samples after the fact.

CHARGE: Unprofessional and Inappropriate Behavior

Specification: Your actions of breaching drug laboratory protocol and creating a false record damaged the credibility and integrity of the Department of Public Health.

This hearing will be conducted in accordance with M.G. L. Chapter 31, Sections 41 through 45 and/or your Collective Bargaining Agreement. Copies of M.G.L. Chapter 31, Sections 41 through 45 are enclosed.

You are encouraged to contact your union to arrange representation for this hearing.

Sincerely,

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